

Intro.

- A. Blood is important.....necessary.....required to sustain life.
 1. This Wed. we are having a blood drive to help meet a physical crisis (a 1-day supply)!
 2. Some never attempt to give: *forget, too busy, scared, do not understand the need...*
- B. If we will take this literal, physical experience & make comparison, several spiritual lessons emerge.
 1. Without the application of Jesus' blood in your life, you will die spiritually.
 2. Jesus' blood is a blessed requirement for eternal life, just as blood is essential for human life.

Discuss.**I. BLOOD IS REVEERED & RESPECTED.**

- A. Moses proclaimed that life is in the blood, & life is to be respected & valued.
 1. **Gn. 9:4-6** teaches valuable lessons regarding the sanctity of life.
 2. In **Lev. 17:10-14** explanation & warning is given about eating blood. (Blood was *to make atonement.*)
- B. Eating/drinking blood is described to be a sacred violation --- sin against God, **1 Sam. 14:33**
 1. While some troubled Gentiles turning to Christianity unnecessarily, Paul stated the things they should be concerned about included idolatry, adultery, & **blood, Ac. 15:20 & 29**
 2. A common practice in sacrifice to idol gods was the drinking of blood as communion with the god to whom it was offered.
 3. Prohibition re: eating blood applies to all ages of time. Life's blood is to be treated respectfully.

II. BLOOD ISREQUIRED.

- A. When wicked men killed a righteous person, they stand accountable, & their blood may be required!
 1. **2 Sam. 4:11-12** David executed judgment (death) on those who "helped" David, hoping for personal gain
 2. The blood of the religiously sophisticated of Christ day was required for persecuting & hindrance of God's mouthpieces, the prophets, **Lk. 11:50f**
- B. When a watchman didn't warn the unaware of pending danger, God required his blood from the W.
 1. **Ezek. 3:18-20 & 33:6-8** → Requirement of blood means we can be held accountable for another man.
 2. c. **Jas. 4:17** we are responsible for good we fail to do AWA being accountable for transgression.

III. BLOOD IS REMINDING.

- A. Celebration of the Jewish Passover centered around a blood sacrifice of a lamb – as a reminder,
 1. Jewish youth were to be reminded annually about the 1st Passover back in Egypt, **Ex. 12.**
 2. Memorial Day, July 4th, Dec. 7 = Special Days that we remember those who died for our freedom.
- B. Jesus, likewise tells us not to forget His sacrifice & the significance of the blood He shed,
 1. **Lk. 22:19-20**
 2. Paul reminded us of the significance of remembering the blood Jesus poured out for us, **1 Cor. 11:24-26**

IV. BLOOD IS.....REDEEMING.

- A. **Heb. 9:22** *And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.*
 1. Throughout the Patriarchal & Mosaical ages, blood sacrifices were required of God's people.
 2. **Heb. 9:13-14**
 3. **Heb 10:4** For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.
- B. Only Jesus could have redeemed us by His blood, **Rev. 5:9**
 1. **1Pe 1:18** knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, **19** but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
 2. Some ignorantly refuse the terms of redemption, salvation, & His blood becomes to them of no effect.

Concl.

- A. The requirement of blood involved respect, requirement (*absolute*), remembering..., redemption.
- B. Ignoring the requirement was risky business with severe penalties.
- C. We just cannot treat the requirement of blood lightly. It is not optional. How seriously have you taken this?

Requirement of Blood

(2Sa 4:11) How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous person in his own house on his bed? Therefore, shall I not now **require his blood** at your hand and remove you from the earth?"

(Eze 3:18) When I say to the wicked, "You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his **blood I will require** at your hand.

(Eze 3:20) "Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and I lay a stumbling block before him, he shall die; because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; but his **blood I will require** at your hand.

(Eze 33:6) But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned, and the sword comes and takes any person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity; but his **blood I will require** at the watchman's hand.'

(Eze 33:8) When I say to the wicked, "O wicked man, you shall surely die!' and you do not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his **blood I will require** at your hand.

(Gen 42:22) And Reuben answered them, saying, "Did I not speak to you, saying, "Do not sin against the boy'; and you would not listen? Therefore behold, his **blood is now required** of us."

(Luk 11:50) that **the blood** of all the prophets which was shed from the foundation of the world **may be required** of this generation,

(Luk 11:51) from **the blood** of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who perished between the altar and the temple. Yes, I say to you, it **shall be required** of this generation.

(Gen 9:5) Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.

(6) "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.

(Gen 37:22) And Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood, but cast him into this pit which is in the wilderness, and do not lay a hand on him"--that he might deliver him out of their hands, and bring him back to his father.

(Heb 9:22) And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

(Exo 12:13) Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.